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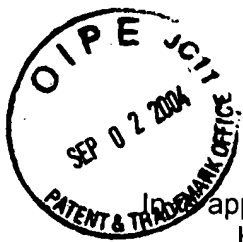
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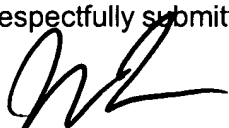
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2. Supplemental Inventor's Declaration for Patent Application which now includes the citizenship of each inventor;
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